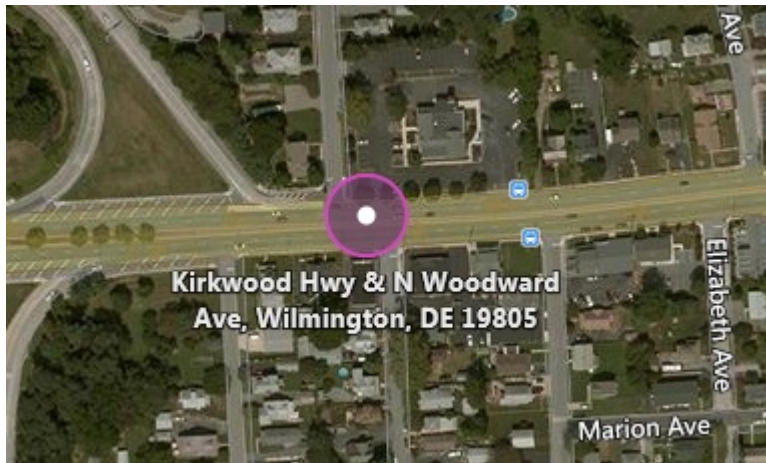


# Troopers Investigating Serious Crash – Wilmington



**Wilmington (19805)** – Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash on Kirkwood Highway just outside Elsmere that has sent three people to the hospital.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:28 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2018, on Kirkwood Highway (DE Rt. 2) eastbound, in the area of N. Woodward Avenue, Wilmington. A 2014 Hyundai Sonata operated by Maggie Blackshear, 78, of New Castle, proceeded from N. Woodward Avenue, across the westbound lanes of Kirkwood Highway and continued into the eastbound lanes by using a crossover marked For Official Use Only. The front right of the Hyundai then struck the front left of a 2006 Ford 500, driven by an 18 year old Wilmington man, that was traveling eastbound on Kirkwood Highway. After the initial impact the Ford struck a utility pole before coming to rest adjacent to a business located at 2714 Kirkwood Highway. The vehicle did not strike the building.

The operator of the Ford had to be extricated from the vehicle by emergency crews prior to being transported to the Christiana Hospital by Delaware State Police Helicopter Trooper 4, with serious injuries.

Blackshear along with an 81 year old male passenger in her vehicle were transported to the Christiana Hospital with undisclosed minor injuries.

All parties were properly restrained at the time of the collision and neither drugs nor alcohol are factors in the crash.

Blackshear was cited for Driving Across a Median and Failure to Yield Right of Way.

Kirkwood Highway eastbound was closed for approximately 2 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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